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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, September 16, 1996, at 12 noon.

Senate

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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President protempore [Mr. Thurmond].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, Creator of the World, Ruler over all life, our Adonai, Sovereign Lord of our life, we join with our Jewish friends in celebrating Rosh Hashanah, "the head of the year," the beginning of the days of awe and repentance, a time of reconciliation with You and one another. We thank You that we are all united in our need to repent, to return to our real selves for an honest inventory, and then to return to You with a humble and contrite heart. Forgive our sins of omission: the words and deeds You called us to do and we neglected, our bland condoning of prejudice and hatred, and our toleration of injustice in our society. Forgive our sins of commission: the times we turned away from Your clear and specific guidance, and the times we knowingly rebelled against Your management of our lives and Your righteousness in our Nation. Sound the shofar in our souls, blow the trumpets, and wake our somnolent spirits. Arouse us and call us to spiritual regeneration. Awaken us to our accountability to You for our lives, and our leadership of this Nation. We thank You for Your atoning grace and for the opportunity for a new beginning.

Help the Jews and Christians called to serve in this Senate, the Senators' staffs, and the whole support team of the Senate to celebrate our unity under Your sovereignty and exemplify to our Nation the oneness of a shared commitment to You. In Your holy name. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator LOTT, is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. Good morning, Mr. President.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 3662, the Interior appropriations bill

As announced last night, there will be no rollcall votes today to accommodate Members who have a special holiday today. However, I hope that Members will have amendments to the Interior bill, that they will come over and offer them, and that they will be germane. These will only be debated during today's session. But if votes are required then we will stack those votes on Tuesday morning.

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It is also possible that the Senate will consider S. 39, the Magnuson fisheries bill, as under a previous consent agreement. We reached the point last night where we could not go any further with the Treasury-Postal appropriations bill. We would like to get the Magnuson bill up. We did not have time at that time of the night to consult with all the various Senators who are interested in that. We will be doing that this morning if we can get an agreement this morning, or perhaps even for Monday morning. We will make every effort to move this legislation that has been cobbled together with a lot of difficulty. But I think it is ready for us to take up now.

Following legislative business today, there will be a period for morning business to accommodate a number of requests from both sides of the aisle, after which we will adjourn over until Monday.

During Monday's session the Senate will continue with the consideration of the Interior appropriations bill. Again, no rollcall votes will be held so that Members who are celebrating the Jewish holiday will be able to get back to town.

It is possible the Senate will consider the Federal Aviation Administration authorization measure. The Democratic leader and I talked about that last night. We believe we are about ready to go. We keep being told by the managers that they have it all agreed to. But when we look at the agreement, it still looks pretty long. So we have to look at that. We will try very hard to see if we can get that done.

Senators should be prepared for roll-calls to begin on Tuesday as early as 9:30. But it will depend on what we have pending, and a lot of other considerations. But we will have stacked votes early sometime on Tuesday morning.

I anticipate busy sessions of the Senate all of next week as we attempt to complete our business before sine die.

I am glad we are going to the Interior appropriations bill now. We have two managers who have worked together beautifully; certainly two of the most

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